21st March 1955] [Mr. Speaker]

" Under sub-rule (4) of rule 178 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I nominate Sri P. T. Rajan to be the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) HOUSE COMMITTEE.

" I have to announce to the House that the following eleven Members were duly nominated for the election of eleven Members of the Madras Legislative Assembly to the House Committee :—

1 Sri S. S. Kolkebail.
2 ,, G. Govindan.
3 ,, T. V. Sannasi.
4 ,, K. Aranganathan.
5 ,, A. Sambasivam.
6 ,, T. R. Varadan.
7 ,, P. G. Karuthiruman.
8 ,, K. V. Ramaswami.
9 ,, A. Doraiswami Gounder.
10 ,, Mookkiah Thevar.
11 ,, N. C. Ramaswami Kandar.

" As the number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., *eleven*, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

" In addition to the above, under rule 214 (1) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I nominate the following *four* Members to be Members of the said Committee :—

1 Sri E. L. Raghava Mudaliar.
2 ,, P. M. Munuswamy Gounder.
3 ,, S. Vadivelu.
4 ,, N. Rathina Gounder.

" The Deputy Speaker is under rule 214 *ex-officio* a member and Chairman of the Committee.

V.—LETTER FROM SRI R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR, SECRETARY, STATE LEGISLATURE *RE* LAYING DOWN OF HIS OFFICE.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received a letter from the Secretary to the State Legislature. I wish to read it to the House—

' You know that my contract of service in this Legislature will terminate on the 24th April 1955 and that in the meantime the Government have on my application been pleased to grant me leave for one month with effect from the 24th March 1955. I shall therefore be laying down my present office on the afternoon of the 23rd instant.

' It was on the 6th January, 1924, i.e., more than 31 years ago, that I was first appointed as Secretary to the then Madras Legislative Council under what was briefly known as the Montford Reforms. I was then a member of the Madras Judicial Service working in the Law Secretariat of Government. When some years afterwards, the Government gave me the option of either going out as a District and Sessions Judge or remaining in this Secretariat, I chose the latter course. I retired on the 16th August 1941 as Secretary to the State Legislature constituted under the Government of India Act, 1935. The Legislature had then been suspended owing to the war.

'After the lapse of more than ten years, after my retirement I was again given the rare opportunity of serving this Legislature formed in 1952 after the General Elections and though at first I accepted the office of Secretery to this Legislature for one year only, I have in fact remained here tor nearly three years. I feel grateful for this opportunity of service, especially as it enabled me to come in contact with a Speaker of such remarkable knowledge of and enthusiasm for correct Parliamentary practice, as you.

'During all the years when I remained in the Madras Legislature, I had the great good fortune of receiving uniform kindness, consideration and appreciation at the hands of the several distinguished persons who from time to time presided over the Legislature and from the members of all parties connected with it. In particular, I have been the recipient from you of uniform kindness and courtesy which will ever be the source of pride and satisfaction to me in my retirement. I hereby express my feelings of sincere gratitude to you and through you to the Government and to the members of the Legislature for all the kindness, courtesy and consideration which you and they have shown to me at all times.

'I shall be failing in my duty if I do not on this occasion, acknowledge the very willing, loyal and efficient co-operation and help which throughout my long service in the Legislature Secretariat, I have received from the officers and staff of that Secretariat. I hope and wish that the volume and quality of the work done by them will receive from the hands of Government and this Legislature due recognition and appreciation.

'Lastly, I assure you that in my retirement, I shall ever be praying for your long life and prosperity, and for the long life and prosperity of all persons connected with this Legislature and that I shall ever be wishing for the success of this Legislature in its endeavours and for the maintenance of its high reputation for patriotism, justice and righteousness.

Yours faithfully,
R. V. KRISHNA AYYRR,
Secretary to the Legislature."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am sure the entire House has listened to the contents of the letter which you have just read with a certain feeling of regret that Mr. R. V. Krishna Ayyar should be leaving us. I have given notice of a motion which will be formally moved to-morrow expressing appreciation of the long and meritorious work done by Mr. R. V. Krishna Ayyar to this Legislature."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The motion will be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Now, let us take up the next item on the agenda, viz., Voting on Demands.

VI.—PERSONAL EXPLANATION *RE* ADVICE TENDERED BY SOME MEMBERS TO THE METTUR INDUSTRIES UNION CONCERNING THEIR DEMAND FOR BONUS.

9-40 a.m. SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, before proceeding to the next item, I want to make a personal explanation. It is with regard to the reply given by the Hon. the Minister for Labour the **other day**. கனம் சபா நாயகர் அவர்களே. இம்மாதம் 17-ந்தேதி அன்றைய தினம் என்னுடைய கேள்வி ஒன்றுக்கு பதில் சொல்லக்கூடிய சமயத்தில் கனம் தொழில் மந்திரி அவர்கள் மேட்டூர் இன்டஸ்ட்ரீஸ் தொழிலாளர்களுடைய சங்கத்தையும் அதற்கு யோசனை சொல்லக்கூடியவர்களையும் அதில் ஓரளவு சம்பந்தப்பட்டிருக்கக்கூடிய இந்தச்சபையிலுள்ள அங்கத்தினர்களையும் தவறுகப் புரிந்துகொள்ளக்கூடிய முறையில் குறைகூறினார்கள். அது சம்பந்தமான சில விவரங்களை சபை முன்பு சொல்லவேண்டியது என்னுடைய கடமையென்று நான் கருதுகிறேன்."